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Applicant:

Sveinung LOSET et al.

Title:

PROTECTION MEANS FOR

A FLEXIBLE RISER

Appl. No.:

10/528,564

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3/21/2005

Examiner:

Frederick Lyndon Lagmon

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on

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b. Enclosed are:

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- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.). [X]
- Form PTO/SB/08 citing 3 references with a copy of 1 listed foreign reference. [X]

[X] Copy of Norwegian Search Report (3 pgs.).

The filing fee is calculated below:

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	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Clai	ms]	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	17	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	1	-	3	= 0		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f any	y Multiple I	Dependent Clai	ms:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
				CLA	IMS I	FEE	TOTAL:	==	\$790.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

	TO	TAL FEE:		\$790.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.103(c)		\$0.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2	\$0.00		
		\$790.00		
		\$0.00		
	EXTENSION FEE ALREA	DY PAID:	-	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SU	BTOTAL:		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00

- [X] A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be

enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 15, 2006

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